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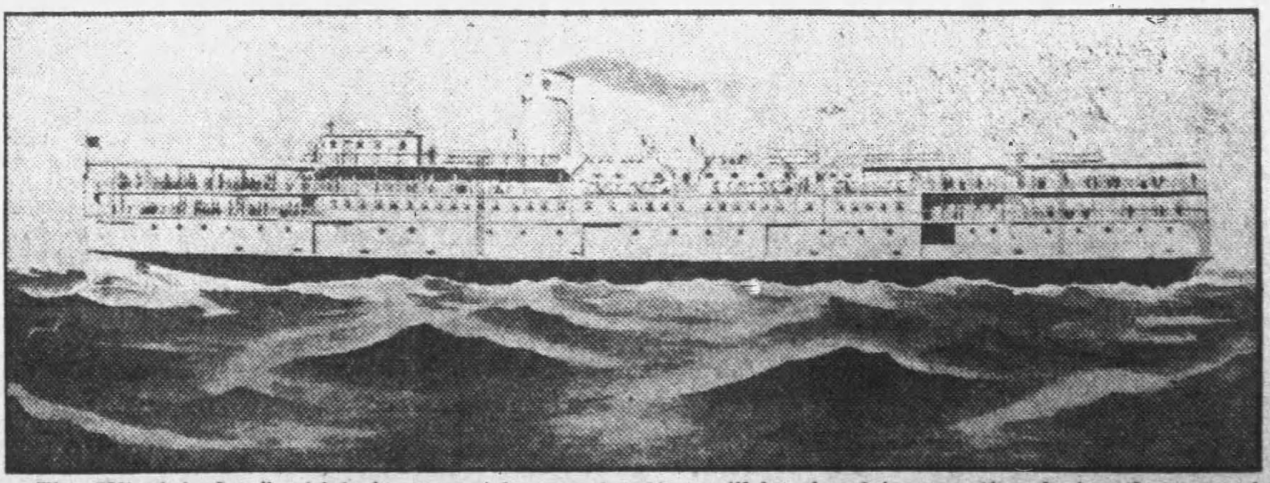

The "Virginia Lee," which is now under construction, will be placed in operation during the present year between Norfolk and Cape Charles, connecting with the Pennsylvania Railroad's through train service to and from New York and Philadelphia. It will be the largest steamer ever operated by the Pennsylvana Railroad in Chesapeake Bay. It will be of all steel construction, 300 feet in length, with 50-foot beam, and will be propelled by two, triple expansion, four-cylinder engines, driving twin screws and generating 2,400 horsepower, which will permit a sustained speed of 18 miles pe rhour. A unique feature will be special provision for the transportation of automobiles. A section of the lower deck will be set aside for this purpose and will afford room for 46 cars. It is expected that this will result in an immense increase in automobile traffic to and from southern points via the splendid system of highways on the Del-Mar-Va Peninsula, which afford the shortest route between New England, the New York and Philadelphia districts, and a large and important section of the South reached through the Norfolk-Portsmouth gateway. The steamer will have capacity for carrying 1,200 passengers, for whom accommodations will be provided on the two upper decks, including commodious staterooms.

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